

# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LEADING IOWANS IN CARING FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

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### **How We Serve Iowans**

- Protection and Management of Natural Resources
  - Fish and wildlife populations and their habitats on public and private lands.
  - Forest resources on public and private lands.
  - Air, groundwater, surface water, land and geologic resources.

#### Recreation

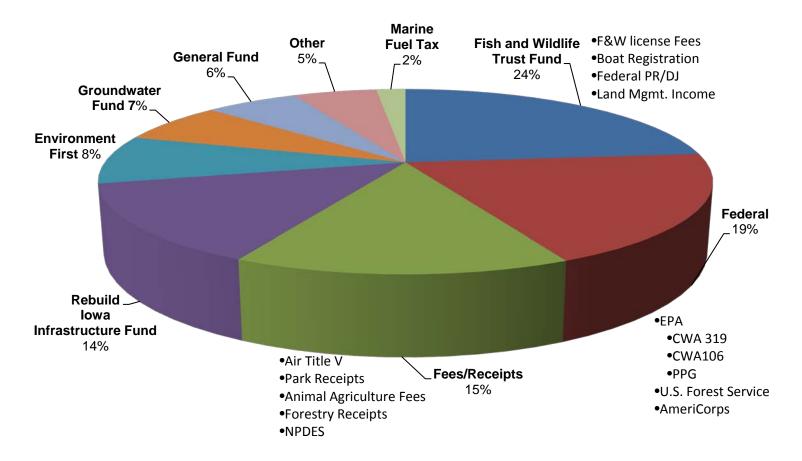
- Provide healthful, outdoor recreational opportunities for hunters, anglers, boaters, wildlife enthusiasts and park visitors.
- Develop and manage public lands and facilities including state parks and forests, wildlife areas and lakes.

### **How We Serve Iowans**

#### Compliance and Technical Assistance

- License, permit and regulate hunters, anglers, and boaters, confined animal waste facilities, underground storage tanks, wastewater treatment plants, public water supplies, solid waste facilities, and contaminated sites.
- Certification of drinking water operators, wastewater treatment operators, animal waste applicators, and well drillers.
- Compliance inspections at various regulated facilities.

## Funding Sources at a Glance



## FY13 Budget

Status Quo Request

## **Budget Challenges**

- Defeasance of Honey Creek Resort Bonds
- Salary Adjustment
  - Continue to streamline processes
  - Careful evaluation of positions
  - Continual Monitoring of all of our Funding Sources and Alignment of Priorities with Available Resources
- Parks Operations
  - Identify opportunities to create a sustainable System
- Potential Federal Funding Reductions

### **LEAN Events**

- Calendar year 2011 13 Lean events held
  - Since 2003, 75 events held at the DNR
- Future Events
  - Prioritized based on strategic plan and customer needs
    - Air Title V Permitting
    - Air Construction Permitting
    - ATV Grant Program

## Collaboration with Business Partners

- Business Growth and Improved Customer Service
  - ABI and review of AQ regulations
  - Air Quality Small Business Liaison
  - Animal Agriculture Liaison
- Unsewered Communities
  - Proactive assistance with small communities

## Collaboration with State Agencies

- Economic Development Authority
  - Business Development and Growth
- Department of Transportation
  - Permitting processes for rebuilding of roads
  - Geophysical data collection
- Iowa Lottery
  - Sale of Hunting & Fishing licenses
  - Identifying new ways to package licenses

## **Healthiest State Initiative**

- Encouraging youth and families to spend time outdoors through the Take it Outside! Campaign
  - Targeting of Outdoor camps to youth and teens
- Expanding water and multi-use trails and other recreational opportunities
- Incorporating an emphasis on healthy lifestyles and physical activity in grants where appropriate
- Participated in National First Day Hikes initiative on January 1st

## DNR's Contribution to State Goals

- New jobs for Iowans and increase in family incomes
  - Improve permitting processes
  - Re-evaluate rules in collaboration with stakeholders
  - Establish Business and Agriculture liaisons

- Reduction in the cost of government
  - LEAN events
  - Technology enhancements

- Nation's best schools
  - Improve delivery of outdoor skills and nature based courses
  - Integrate with K-12 science and P.E. curriculums

